

Nation "Dry" After June 30

A New York dispatch, dated April 24, says: The government proposes a literal enforcement of the war-time prohibition act, including a ban on production and sale of all beer and wines, whether or not they are intoxicating, the Department of Justice announced through a special representative in the Federal Court here today.

While no steps will be taken to prevent brewing, pending a court determination of the law's constitutionality, raised by brewers of the New York district, manufacturers will operate in peril of future prosecution, according to the statement of William C. Fitts, special counsel, appearing for Attorney General Palmer in the beer litigation.

The attorney advised Judge A. N. Hand, who heard arguments on the government's motion to dismiss the suit brought on behalf of the national brewing interests by the Jacob Hoffmann Brewing Company to restrain the federal authorities from interfering with its production of 2 1/2 per cent, that the department of justice did not know, and did not care, whether beer of the strength indicated was intoxicating.

The law prohibited sale after June 30 of distilled beverages, as well as manufacture after April 30; sale after June 30 of "beer, wine and other intoxicating malt or vinous liquors for beverage purposes," pending the demobilization of the military forces, he said. The words "beer" and "wines" were not qualified, in the opinion of the government, he added, and the apparent congressional intention to stop the "aste" of grains and fruits in their production in any strength would be enforced.

With "half the world" looking to America for food, Mr. Fitts contended, the necessity of its conservation was greater "even than on the day of Chateau-Thierry," and it was equally essential that liquor be withheld from public sale while the Army and Navy were undergoing demobilization.

To this statement Judge Hand added his opinion that the war was "still in progress," which upset one of the complainants' contentions.

MAKING ARISTOCRACY SAFE

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cient recognition of the valor of an army. With this we disagree.

We have protested against the distribution of knightly honors among American generals; not that American generals are not deserving of the highest credit, but because in their rank lies the recognition, not in the largess of kings.

We perceive in the recognition of the American private soldiers by the French a praise that is deserving of our commendation. The French do not forget that it is the soldier of the line, of the trenches, of the assault, the soldier living in muck and amongst cooties, taking pot luck day after day — the French do not forget that is the man to be marked up for recognition.

We applaud the French for their citations of American units, for therein lies the principle of the republic, the recognition of the common man, just praise for all those united in a common action and not surpassing dignities for those who already are dignified by leadership.

Much of Caesar's greatness was in that he gave credit for victories to his legions. Many a Roman general is forgotten; the legions will be remembered as long as there is history of war. Napoleon's old guard will

live when his generals are no longer named. Valley Forge is famed for the soldiers who suffered there; the Grand Army of the Republic outlasts all but two or three of its leaders.

Generals are conspicuous and famed according as they use their generalship. They need no other decoration than the eyes of the citizens upon them. Let us give our marks of valor to those who fought in the ranks. The nation will never be any greater than its buck privates. — Chicago Tribune.

THE GOOD TEMPLARS

Hon. William Jennings Bryan, learning from N. E. S. Dinwiddie of the great work the I. O. G. T. has done in the temperance reform, both in America and throughout the world, expressed an earnest desire to become a member of our order.

No English lodges existing in Nebraska (Mr. Bryan's home state) the National Chief Templar, acting under authority vested in him by our laws, had the honor, assisted by N. E. S. Dinwiddie and N. S. T. E. Miss Church, of initiating Mr. Bryan into membership of the order as a member of National Lodge No. 1 of the National Grand Lodge, the ceremony taking place March 4th at Washington, D. C. At the close of the initiatory service, Mr. Bryan stated that he "felt it to be an honor to become a member of an organization which had accomplished so much for humanity."

The order surely is honored by the accession to its ranks of a man who has rendered such distinguished service to our cause.

We hope to be able to arrange for Mr. Bryan to deliver the address at the public meeting at our next National Grand Lodge session at Manchester, N. H. — New York Templar.

BEER RESTRICTIONS OFF ASKED BY BOTTLE MAKERS

An Atlantic City, N. J., dispatch, dated May 5, says: The National Bottle Manufacturers' Association, in annual session here, today adopted a resolution calling upon the federal government to restore the railroads to their owners at the earliest possible moment and to suspend all restrictions on the manufacture and sale of light wines and beers and other beverages containing less than the "Root ratio" of alcohol.

"Prohibition is going to be a disastrous blow for the glass trade," said George W. Yost of Bellaire, O., president of the association. "Plants in this country have been turning out yearly from 4,000,000 to 5,000,000 gross of bottles for beer and other beverages. These face the greatest emergency in their history."

BRYAN NOMINATES A PRESIDENT

William Jennings Bryan predicts that Governor Sproul of Pennsylvania will be the next republican candidate for president. Not a bad suggestion. The governor is all right. This is not an advocacy of his candidacy, but merely to say that he is a grand man, who doesn't stand for politics alone, but for the moral energy of the country and a noble public service that makes standing by the party subordinate to standing by the people, and that, too, in no sentimental sense, but in obedience to a true, brave aspiration toward real American ideals. The days of faction in politics are ended and no man controlled by a faction should be elected president, governor or to any other office. Democracy has won the day on the battlefields; it must now win its way in the political arena. If Sproul should not be nominated we should have a man just as good. There are no doubt many of them. — Ohio State Journal.



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